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Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1969

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1969 compiled in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid-year is 18,420, an increase of 70 on the previous year. The 1961 Census Report gave the population as 15,750 : 7,451 males and 8,299 females. Figures for the Sample Census taken in 1966 are as follows : 17,610—8,550 males, 9,060 females.

The death rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 0.99 was 10.1, compared with a 1968 rate of 12.71. The number of deaths from all causes was 187 (1968, 229)—94 males and 93 females. An analysis of the main causes of deaths will be found on page 6 of this report. Deaths from lung cancer 14 (1968, 16).

The birth rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 0.98 was 17.2, compared with 20.23 in 1968. The total number of live births 323—181 males, 142 females. There were 19 illegitimate live births, giving an illegitimacy rate of 6% (1968, 4.75%). The figure for stillbirths 3 (1968, 4), with a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 9 (1968, 10.44). Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) 3 (1968, 11). Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 9 (1968, 29.02). Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 10 (1968, 30.47). Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil (1968, Nil). Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births 9 (1968, 21.10). Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 6 (1968, 18.46). Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) 15 (1968, 28.72). Maternal deaths, Nil (1968, Nil).

Infectious Diseases

211 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1969, compared with 136 in 1968. Scarlet Fever accounted for 48 of these, Measles 158, Whooping Cough 1, Dysentery 3, Infective Jaundice 1.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register was 27 less than the previous year at 115. 2 new cases were added during the year and there was one inward transfer, 7 deaths, 8 removals and 1 recovered.

Smallpox Vaccination

	1968	1969
Number vaccinated (under 16 years)	297	252
Number re-vaccinated (under 16 years)	17	21

Mass Radiography

The Unit carried out surveys during the year and the actual number of people taking advantage of this service is given on page 15 of this report.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Table on page 16 sets out particulars of the work done in this field.

Audiometry

Figures relating to this service are given on page 16.

Old People

Supervision and advice and, on occasion, assistance towards admission to a County Welfare Home or Hospital, are provided by the Geriatric Health Visitors on my staff. There were no Compulsory Removals in Portslade during the year under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

Conclusion

As in previous years I should once again like to record my thanks to Mr. Tozer, Clerk of the Council, and the Surveyor for their help at all times. My thanks also to Mr. Donald, the Public Health Inspector, whose co-operation and conscientious service is greatly appreciated.

I am very appreciative of the support and encouragement I have received during the year from the members of the Public Health and Housing Committee.

N. I. CONDON,
Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1969
ENGLAND & WALES—PERSONS
 Estimated Mid-Year Home Population, 48,826,800

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Live births	797,542	16.3 per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	10,662	13.0 per 1,000 total births
Deaths	579,463	11.9 per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age) ..	14,397	18.0 per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks of age) ..	9,603	12.0 per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 wk. of age)	8,232	10.0 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age)	18,894	23.0 per 1,000 total births

VITAL STATISTICS 1969

Population : 18,420.
 Area (Acres) : 1,961

DEATHS :	Total	M	F
	187	94	93
Death Rate :	10.2 (Standard).		
	10.1 (Corrected).		
Deaths from :			
Measles (all ages) .. ..	..	Nil	
Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	..	Nil	
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	..	1	
Pneumonia .. ..	..	6	
Cancer (all forms) .. ..	..	40	
	Total	M	F
Live Births	323	181	142
Live Birth rate per 1000 population ..	17.5 (Standard)		
	17.2 (Corrected)		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births :	6%		
Stillbirths .. 3	—	—	—
Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths :	9.0		
Total Live and Still Births	326	182	144

	Total	M.	F.
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	3	1	2
Infant Mortality Rates :			
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births ..			9.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live births			10.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 Illegitimate live births			Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)			9.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)			6.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)			15.0
Maternal Mortality (inclusive abortion) :			
Number of deaths			Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths			Nil

DEATHS 1969

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ..	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	2
Malignant Necplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	12	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	6
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ..	—	1
Diabetes Mellitus	3	—
Meningitis	—	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ..	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	28	15
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	5	3
Pneumonia	1	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	12	1
Asthma	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	3	3
Peptic Ulcer	—	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	2	1

Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	..	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	..	..	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	..		1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	..		1	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	..		1	1
All Other Accidents	..	..	4	4
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	..		1	2
			94	93
Total			187	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

DRAINAGE.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

HOUSES SERVED BY CESSPOOLS.

There are 8 houses served by cesspools.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects	..	227
Number of inspections made for the purpose.		613
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	..	210
Number of inspections made for that purpose		629
Number of complaints received.	..	327
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act)	..	26
Formal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act)	..	7
Houses found dirty or verminous	..	14
Defective and Choked Drains	..	26
Defective Closets	..	16

Defective Sinks	..	..	..	2
Defective Roofs and Gutters	..	..	..	17
Damp Walls and Ceilings	.	..	..	43
Defective Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	26
Defective Floors	..	..	..	5
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	..	..	..	29
Defects to Grates	..	..	..	—
Defects to Chimneys	..	..	..	4
Defective Paving	..	..	..	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 103 rat and 43 mice infestations were dealt with on surface properties and 1 sewer treatment carried out.

The increase in surface infestation is mainly due to the large quantities of refuse dumped throughout the district.

The treatment is now free to all properties.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 14 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 9 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

PROVIDED AT DECEMBER, 1969

Council Houses and Flats	..	..	..	1,187
Old Peoples Bungalows	..	..	..	33
Other Properties purchased by Council			..	11
"Evelyn Court"	{	7 X 1 bed flats	..	7
		15 bedsitters	..	15
"Hazelhalt"	{	1 X 1 bed flat	..	1
		22 bedsitters	..	22
2 Wardens Houses	..	..	..	2
				1,278

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	277
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	613
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	—
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	277

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	26
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 16.

There are 47 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 10 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 86 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year 155 inspections of food premises were made and in 10 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	..	..	—
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience	..		2
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	..	..	—
Dirty walls and ceilings	..	..	3
Food not adequately protected	1
Insufficient lighting	2
Absence of adequate supply of hot water		..	2

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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

526	packets of Vegetables
271	„ „ Fish Steaks
21	„ „ Rissoles
150	„ „ Hamburgers
82	„ „ Fish Fingers
47	„ „ Mousse
24	„ „ Braised Beef
12	„ „ Chickens
14 lbs.	„ Sausages
1,512	cans of food
37	pies
326	lbs. cheese
72	cakes
56	lbs. dried milk

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Total number of registered premises at end of year 1969 :

Offices	..	..	23
Retail Shops	..	..	91
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses			8
Catering Establishments	..		14

Number of Persons Employed :

Offices	..	..	361
Retail Shops	..	..	377
Warehouses	..	..	142
Catering Establishments	..		61
Canteen	..	..	2
Total Males			453
Total Females	..		490

Total number of visits to registered premises : 176

Number of Contraventions of Act found :

Abstract of Act not exhibited	3
Thermometer not provided	3
Insufficient First Aid Materials	1
Insufficient Washing Facilities	1
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	2
Insufficient Heating	.. 3
Insufficient Lighting	.. 2
Number of Notices served	3
Floors, passage and stairs	.. 6

Number of Accidents in Registered Premises reported : 2

Premises not clean	..	3
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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	14	1	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	82	43	8	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	21	4	—	—
TOTAL ..	114	61	9	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found					No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	3	3	—	—	—	
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	1	1	—	—	—	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)						
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—	
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	3	—	—	—	
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL	7	7	—	—	—	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	<i>No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c) (2)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)</i>	<i>No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists (4)</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises (5)</i>	<i>Notices served (6)</i>	<i>Prosecutions (7)</i>
Wearing Apparel : Making, etc. Cleaning and Washing	81 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Furniture and Upholstery	—	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial Flowers etc.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	82	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

PORTSLADE 1969
MASS RADIOGRAPHY

Period 1st January to 31st December, 1969

GENERAL PUBLIC			INDUSTRIAL GROUPS		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
8	6	14	9	14	23
62	95	157	251	144	395
79	107	186	216	105	321
57	97	154	265	131	396
115	109	224	426	189	615
94	109	203	126	31	157
415	523	938	1,293	614	1,907

General Practitioners' Referrals (included
in above figures) : 574

B.C.G. 1969

<i>School</i>	<i>No.</i> <i>Skin Tested</i>	<i>No.</i> <i>Positive</i>	<i>No.</i> <i>Negative</i>	<i>No.</i> <i>Vaccinated</i>
Mile Oak (Approved) ..	29	4	25	24
Portslade Secondary Boys	128	10	111	111
Portslade Secondary Girls	87	4	82	82
Downs	22	—	22	22
Hillside Junior T.C. ..	4	1	3	3
	<u>270</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>242</u>

AUDIOMETRY 1969

Clinic	New Cases			Re-check Cases		
	Examined	Passed	Failed	Examined	Passed	Failed
County Clinic	5	4	1	—	—	—
Mile Oak Clinic	167	146	21	13	9	4
	172	150	22	13	9	4

TUBERCULOSIS—PORTSLADE—1969

	New Cases				Inward Transfers				Deaths				Other Removals				Recovered				Cases on Register				Totals	
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		1968	1969
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
Under 1																										
1— 5																										
5—10																										
10—15																										
15—20																										
20—25																										
25—35																										
35—45																										
45—65	1	1																								
Over 65																										
Totals	1	1																								

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1969.
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.		Total cases Notified. 1968	1969
Scarlet Fever	.. .. .	77	48
Whooping Cough	.. .. .	11	1
Measles ..	.. .. .	29	158
*Pneumonia	.. .. .	1	—
Dysentery	.. .. .	16	3
Food Poisoning	.. .. .	—	—
Erysipelas	.. .. .	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	.. .. .	—	—
Infective Jaundice	.. .. .	2	1
		<u>136</u>	<u>211</u>

*Notification no longer required

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.
Return for period ended 31st, Dec., 1969.
Persons Aged under 16.

Age at date of vaccination	I. NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED OR RE-VACCINATED DURING PERIOD		II. NUMBER OF CASES SPECIALLY REPORTED DURING PERIOD.		
	Number Vaccinated	Number re-Vaccinated	(a) Generalised Vaccinia	(b) Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	(c) Death from com- plications of vaccina- tion other than (a) and (b)
0 to 3 mths	1	—	—	—	—
3 to 6 "	—	—	—	—	—
6 to 9 "	—	—	—	—	—
9 to 12 "	—	—	—	—	—
years					
1	218	6	—	—	—
2 to 4	18	4	—	—	—
5 to 15	15	11	—	—	—
TOTAL	252	21	—	—	—

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1969

Table 1—Completed Primary Courses : Number of persons under age 16

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of birth					Total Others under age 16
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	
1. Quadruple DTPP..
2. Triple DTP
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus
5. Diphtheria
6. Pertussis
7. Tetanus
8. Salk
9. Sabin
10. Measles
11. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria)
12. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough)
13. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)
14. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)

Table 2. Reinforcing Doses. Number of persons under age 16.

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of birth					Others	
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	under	Total
1. Quaduple DTPP
2. Triple DTP
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus
5. Diphtheria
6. Pertussis
7. Tetanus
8. Salk
9. Sabin
10. Measles
11. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria)
12. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough)
13. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)
14. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)

CHIROPODY SERVICE 1969 — PORTSLADE

As from 18th August, 1967, appointments in connection with this service in Portslade have been dealt with through the Hove Public Health Department, and the following figures give some indication of the work done.

PART 1

Number of persons treated during year ending
31st December, 1969

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Persons aged 65* and over	104	—	104
2. Expectant mothers	—	—	—
3. Others	20	—	20
4. Total	124	—	124

*Age on date of first treatment during the period.

PART 2

Number of treatments given during year ending
31st December, 1969

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. In clinics	553	—	553
2. In patients' homes	149	—	149
3. In old people's homes ..	—	—	—
4. In chiropodists' surgeries ..	—	—	—
5. Total	702	—	702

PART 3

Number of treatments included in part 2 above which were paid
for by the Authority on the basis of fees per treatment

Local authorities	702
Voluntary organisations ..	—
Total	702

Previously the service was administered by the Portslade Senior Citizens' Club on behalf of the East Sussex County Council.

PORTSLADE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

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During the year 68 new cases were referred to this clinic and a summary of the problems involved, by whom they were referred, and the manner in which they were dealt with is given below for Hove and East Sussex County children (including Portslade).

Referred by :

School Medical Officers	..	..	..	13
Family Doctors..	..	..	..	26
Parents	..	..	..	4
Schools	..	..	..	3
Transferred from other Clinics	..	..	..	4
Children's Department	..	..	..	4
School Psychological Service	..	..	..	8
Hospitals	..	..	..	1
Probation Officers	..	..	..	4
Education Department	..	..	..	1

Problems :

Personality problems and nervous disorders	..	17
Habit Disorders	..	3
Behaviour Disorders	..	45
Educational and Vocational Difficulties	..	1
Special examinations for advice re placement	..	—
Special examinations for Juvenile Courts	..	2

How dealt with :

Advice	..	..	..	8
Psychiatric treatment	..	..	..	17
Coaching and treatment	..	..	..	—
Periodic supervision	..	..	..	10
Withdrawn before completion	..	..	..	9
Awaiting diagnosis	..	..	..	16
Transferred to other areas	..	..	..	3
Transferred to supervision of Children's Department	..	..	..	1
Transferred to Hospitals	..	..	..	2
Awaiting placement in Special School or Hospital	..	..	..	1
Placed in Special School	..	..	..	1

The total number of children treated by the service throughout the year was 116 (including children whose treatment commenced prior to 1969). An analysis of this figure is given to show the progress made by these children.

Analysis of treatment :

Still receiving psychiatric treatment, coaching, advice or supervision	.. .. .	66
Cases closed (withdrawn or unco-operative)	..	4
Cases closed (improved)	.. .. .	17
Transferred to, or awaiting placement in schools for maladjusted children, other boarding establishments or training centres	.. .. .	8
Left area	.. .. .	5
Transferred to other clinics	.. .. .	1
Awaiting final diagnosis interview	.. .. .	—
Closed—Maladjusted School-leavers' register	..	2
Transferred to Children's Dept.	.. .. .	4
Diagnostic only	.. .. .	5
Transfeerrd to Hospital	.. .. .	3
Transferred to other Depts.	.. .. .	1

The following summary gives an indication of the work of the Clinic during the year :

Psychiatrist	Diagnostic interviews	52
	Treatment interviews	303
Educational Psychologist (Child Guidance Cases)	Diagnostic interviews	41
	Treatment interviews	4
	School visits	33
Child Psychotherapist	Treatment sessions	144
	Clinic interviews	144
	Visits	4
Social Worker	Interviews at Clinic	100
	School visits	2
	Home and other visits	230

